



**Show Your Support for Veterans at Annual Parade
This Sunday, 11/3 at 1:30 PM
Post Parade Party Until 4:00 PM**



We invite you to join us in honoring our veterans at the 67th Annual Veterans Day Parade this Sunday, November 3rd! The route will begin at Bayview Elementary

School (300 Leonardville Road) at 1:30 PM, travel down Leonardville Road through historic Campbell's Junction, and end at the St. Mary's Church parking lot (19 Cherry Tree Farm Road). There will be a post parade party at St. Mary's with free burgers, hot dogs, and cookies, kids inflatables, food trucks, live music, and more!

If your home or business is on the route, we encourage you to show your support by decorating it with a patriotic theme, whether that is with red, white, and blue balloons or a U.S. flag. Campbell's Junction is the best viewing spot, so we recommend gathering there.

Whether you're a veteran or community supporter, your presence will make the day even more special. We hope to see you on Sunday!

Visit middletownnj.org/parade to view a map of the route.

Community Comes Together for Middletown Day



Middletown Day was a rockin' success! Last Sunday, Middletown Recreation hosted

its annual fall festival. Thousands of community members came to Croydon Hall where they were able to shop from local businesses and crafters, enjoy delicious food and beverages, check out first responder vehicles and equipment, hop on a hay ride, meet some furry friends at the petting zoo, participate in a Halloween parade, and more! A New Jersey State Police helicopter also landed at the event and allowed attendees to get a close-up tour. The fun day ended with a special performance by Brian Kirk and the Jirks. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

Click [HERE](#) to view photos from the event.

Early Voting Continues Through Sunday, 11/3

Where to Cast Your Early Vote for the November 2024 General Election



WHEN

Saturday, 10/26
through Sunday, 11/3

WHERE

Senior Center East Wing
(900 Leonardville Road)

TIME

10 AM - 8 PM,
Monday through Saturday
10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday

Voting booths are open to all Monmouth County residents. For other polling locations, visit monmouthcountvotes.com.

Due to the huge turnout for early voting, the Monmouth County Board of Elections dropped off additional voting machines at the Croydon Hall Senior Center (900 Leonardville Road) earlier today to help pare down the line. The additional machines will be operational this weekend.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH FOR
ELECTION DAY.

VISIT MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/ELECTION FOR VOTING RESOURCES.



Middletown Celebrates Halloween



*Middletown Preschool
Halloween Parade*



MTFD Trick-or-Treat



*Middletown Senior Center
Halloween Party*

Photos courtesy of Middletown Recreation and Middletown Township Fire Company #1

Middletown Township celebrated Halloween all across town yesterday! Middletown Preschool hosted a parade for its students to show off their costumes, the Middletown Senior Center held a party where members could dance, wear costumes, and enjoy some delicious food, and all eleven Middletown Township Fire Department (MTFD) firehouses distributed candy to trick-or-treaters.

We hope everyone who celebrates enjoyed the festivities!

**Middletown and Monmouth Conservation Foundation
Partner to Create Public Open Space in North Middletown**



Aerial shot of the three-acre parcel (Photo courtesy of Google Earth)

Middletown Township Mayor Tony Perry and Monmouth Conservation Foundation (MCF) President Matt Cohen, representing the county's only nonprofit land trust, have announced a partnership to create new, permanent green space on a three-acre parcel in North Middletown.

"The Township Committee and I will not relent to developers that want to build high-density housing as we continue to fight for open space preservation," said Mayor Perry. "We have made significant investments in protecting our remaining open space, including designating this natural oasis on Route 36 as a respite for our community in this highly developed and commercial area."

Located between Route 36 and Thompson Avenue near the iconic Polar Bear Ice Cream stand, the property is a forested parcel that has developed wetland areas due to run-off from the highway. It is densely wooded and would require improvements for public access. MCF and Middletown Township have a shared goal of turning it into a passive park.

Click [HERE](#) to read MCF's full press release about the partnership.

Mayor Tony Perry Receives 2024 M. Claire French Award for Leadership in Historic Preservation



Pictured from left: Monmouth County Commissioner Erik Anderson, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Mayor Tony Perry, and Monmouth County Commissioner Dominick "Nick" DiRocco

Last Saturday, Mayor Tony Perry attended the Monmouth County Clerk's 29th Annual Archives and History Day where he was honored with the M. Claire French Award for Leadership in Historic Preservation.

"Tony Perry has been an unwavering champion in the preservation of Middletown's rich historical legacy and has demonstrated a profound impact on historic preservation in our County," said Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon. "His work has helped ensure a vital part of Monmouth County history will be honored and appreciated for generations to come."

Click [HERE](#) to read the Monmouth County Clerk's press release for more information about the award and Mayor Perry's efforts to preserve history.

**First Graders at Middletown Village Elementary School
Learn about Leadership**



Earlier today, Mayor Tony Perry was thrilled to be a guest speaker to all first graders at Middletown Village Elementary School! The students are currently learning about how to be good citizens and leaders, so Mayor Perry spoke to them about his personal experience as an elected official.

The students asked many different questions and participated in an activity where they voted on whether chocolate chip or sugar cookies are better. After chocolate chip cookies won, Mayor Perry spoke about the importance of working with others even if you have different opinions.

After the lesson, Mayor Perry handed out special Mayor's Office stickers to the students and took a group photo with the class. He was so happy to spend his morning with the students and looks forward to all the amazing things they will accomplish as good citizens and leaders!

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon Discusses Upcoming Election and America 250 Initiatives on *Locally Sourced* Podcast

CHECK OUT MAYOR TONY PERRY'S NEW PODCAST



LISTEN ON



Join Mayor Tony Perry as he sits down with Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon to discuss early voting, the upcoming election, and Middletown and Monmouth County America 250 initiatives. You can listen to the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Podbean, and Amazon Music.

Visit locallysourcedmiddletownnj.podbean.com for more information about Locally Sourced and to listen to the episode.

Register for MAC's School's Out Day Camp Happening Next Week



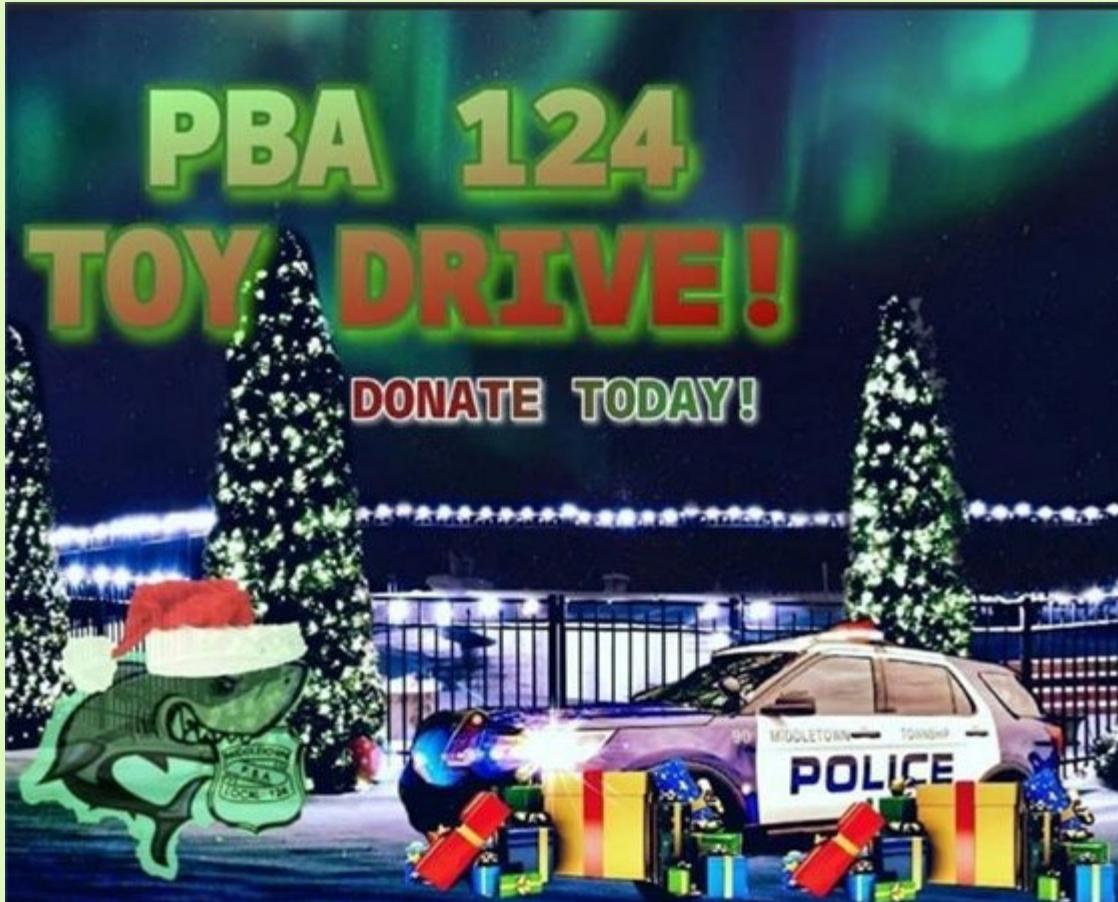
The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) will be hosting its School's Out Day Camp from Monday, November 4th through Friday, November 8th! The MAC offers full and half-day camp programming for elementary school students when Middletown's public school district is closed. Young students are invited to fill their days off from school with crafting, doodling, and more creative activities with Miss Fish, the Doodle Dude, and friends. This special "Artumn" camp will be lots of fun!

There are morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions. A half-day costs \$38 and a full-day costs \$75. There is a discount of \$65 per day if you register for the full-day, full-week option.

Children may be dropped off at the MAC Annex, which is located at the Middletown Reformed Church (121 Kings Highway), any time after 8:30 AM and must be picked up by 3:30 PM.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the program and to register.

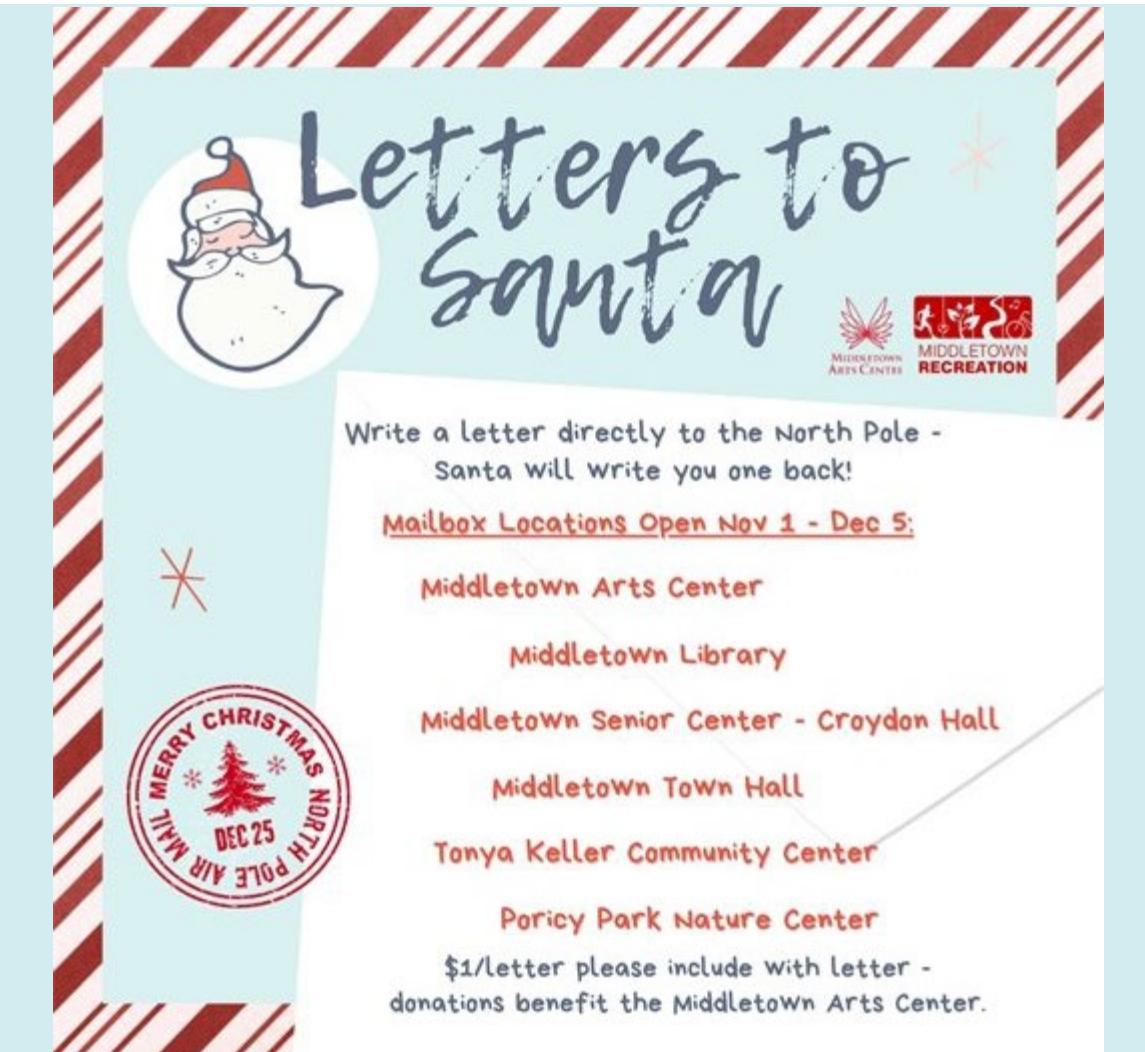
Give Back this Holiday Season with Middletown PBA Local 124's Toy Drive



Looking for an incredible cause to be part of as the holiday season approaches? Please consider supporting Middletown PBA Local 124's toy drive! Police officers will be collecting unwrapped toys for donation at the Middletown Township Police Department's main lobby (1 Kings Highway) now through Wednesday, December 18th. Toys collected will be distributed to local nonprofits 180 Turning Lives Around, Jason's Dreams for Kids, and Middletown Helps Its Own.

If you are a local business willing to assist by becoming a collection location for toys, please reach out to Ptl. Brian Macdonald or Ptl. Daniel Flannigan at bmacdonald@middletownnj.org or dflannigan@middletownnj.org.

Write a Letter to Santa by Thursday, 12/5



A flyer for the "Letters to Santa" program. The top features a Santa Claus illustration and the text "Letters to Santa". Logos for Middletown Arts Center and Middletown Recreation are in the top right. The text "Write a letter directly to the North Pole - Santa will write you one back!" is in the center. Below it, a red circular stamp says "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and "DEC 25" with a tree in the center. A list of drop-off locations follows: "Mailbox Locations Open Nov 1 - Dec 5:" followed by "Middletown Arts Center", "Middletown Library", "Middletown Senior Center - Croydon Hall", "Middletown Town Hall", "Tonya Keller Community Center", and "Poricy Park Nature Center". A note at the bottom says "\$1/letter please include with letter - donations benefit the Middletown Arts Center."

Our Middletown elves are currently collecting letters to Santa in our special mailboxes and will be delivering them directly to the North Pole! Santa will write a personalized letter to your child through Middletown Recreation's and the Middletown Arts Center's (MAC) Letters to Santa program. Please include \$1 with your letter to donate to the MAC. To help our elves, we encourage you to download our letter template.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, the letter template, and drop-off locations.

Run for a Great Cause at Annual Mayor's Challenge at
Poricy Park on Sunday, 11/10



Due to rain, the 6th annual Mayor's Challenge was rescheduled to Sunday, November 10th. It will still take place on the trails of Poricy Park (345 Oak Hill Road). Choose between the 5K run, 5K walk, or 1 mile fun run with awesome prizes for runners! Medals and long sleeve shirts for everyone.

All proceeds benefit **180 Turning Lives Around**, a local charity dedicated to ending domestic and sexual abuse in our community.

Visit middletownnj.org/5k to sign up today!

Poricy Park
Photo by Danielle Adams

MIDDLETOWN MATTERS

FALL 2024



READ THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION:
[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS.](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/MATTERS)

TRAFFIC SAFETY & DETOURS

MIDDLETOWN  TOWNSHIP



- Between 1-3 PM on Sunday, November 3rd, there will be road closures of Leonardville Road (Campbell's Junction) and Cherry Tree Farm Road near St. Mary's Church. Please avoid the area.
- On Tuesday, November 5th through Friday, November 8th East Road between Leonardville Road and Park Avenue will be closed for milling and paving. Residents voting at Bayview Elementary School on Election Day should enter and exit the school via Leonardville Road.

MTFD and Fire Prevention Inform Residents about Fire Restrictions Currently in Effect

FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

NORTHERN NJ - Stage 3 Fire Restrictions

COUNTIES: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren, Hopewell Township in Mercer County, Union, Hunterdon, Middlesex (north of Raritan River)

CENTRAL NJ - Stage 3 Fire Restrictions

COUNTIES: Burlington, Monmouth, Ocean, Middlesex (south of the Raritan River), Mercer County except Hopewell Township

SOUTHERN NJ - Stage 3 Fire Restrictions

COUNTIES: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem



Middletown Township has been placed under a Red Flag Warning by the US National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mount Holly and New Jersey Forest Fire Service. A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly due to a combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and dry fuels. Any fires that develop may quickly get out of control and become difficult to contain.

Under a Red Flag Warning, ALL fires in wooded areas will be prohibited unless contained in an elevated stove using only propane, natural gas, gas, or electricity. This includes all fire pits, fire stoves, chimineas, drums, etc. that are fueled by a wood-based source. No charcoal fires are allowed. This also includes any flammable liquid items, such as tiki torches, outdoor candles, etc.

The MTFD and Fire Marshal's Office remind our residents to please discard any smoking materials fully.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fire Marshal Buddy Skelly at 732-615-2272.



CLEAR THE AIR

Middletown Passes Anti-Idling Law



In September, Middletown passed Resolution 24-250 to enact a town-wide anti-idling campaign. Look for "No Idling" signs throughout town coming soon!

If not in traffic, remember the rule:
"10 seconds, then shut off the engine!"

Apply Now for Township's Free Tutoring Program for
Income-Eligible Households



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NEXT GENERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services to 3rd through 8th grade students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from October 12th through April 5th in the Training Room at Town Hall (1 Kings Highway). The program runs from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp to see if your household qualifies and middletownnj.org/apply to complete the application.

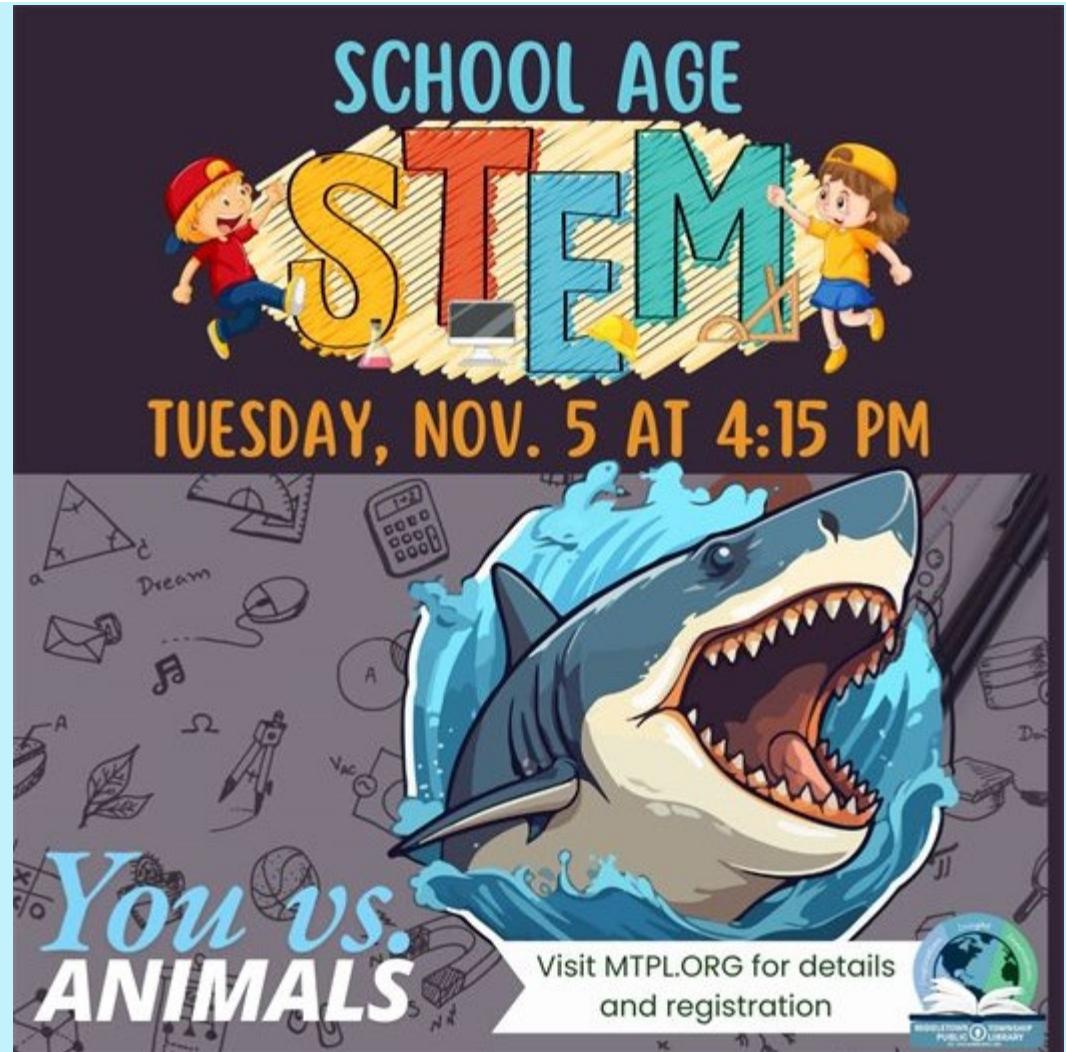
Middletown Township is offering free tutoring services through the Next Generation Support Program to students from income-eligible households who have fallen behind academically due to the pandemic. The program has begun, but the Township is still accepting applications.

Visit middletownnj.org/ngsp for more information and to apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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**Sign Up for MTPL's School Age STEM Program Happening
Tuesday, 11/5 at 4:15 PM**



Children between grades K-5 are invited to join the Middletown Township Public Library (MTPL) in the Children's Quiet Reading Area (55 New Monmouth Road) for the School Age STEM: You vs. Animals program! Patrons will participate in activities that compare their abilities and attributes against those of many different animal species. Registration is required.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

The MTPL will be hosting more kids and teens programs from Monday, November 4th through Saturday, November 9th for fall break. Visit mtpl.org to check out the library's calendar!

Teens: Celebrate Veterans Day at MTPL's Cards for a Cause Program on Wednesday, 11/6 from 3-6 PM



Teens, stop by the MTPL's Community Room (55 New Monmouth Road) to make thank-you cards for local veterans in honor of Veterans Day! Volunteer hours will be offered for each card. There is a limit of five cards for a total of five hours, and volunteers must be between 12-18 years old.

The MTPL will be hosting more kids and teens programs from Monday, November 4th through Saturday, November 9th for fall break. Visit mtpl.org to check out the library's calendar!

Register Now for Middletown Recreation's 15th Annual Dodgeball Tourney & Holiday Drive in December



Come on out for a jolly good time to compete in a dodgeball tournament while we collect toys and other donation needs this holiday season! Gather your team and register by Friday, November 15th at middletownnj.org/dodgeball.

RESOURCES

Register for Middletown's Emergency Alerts & Updates

REGISTER FOR ALERTS: BE IN THE KNOW WITH

Three ways to get emergency notifications, such as severe weather updates, from Middletown Township:

- Text your zip code to 888-777
- Visit www.middletownnj.org/nixle to register for/customize notifications
- Download the Everbridge Nixle mobile app on Apple Store or Google Play to receive/manage notifications and limit text messages



Less urgent messages will be delivered to your email address on file. If it isn't on file, text your email address to 888-777 or download the mobile app.

Visit middletownnj.org/nixle to register for Nixle.



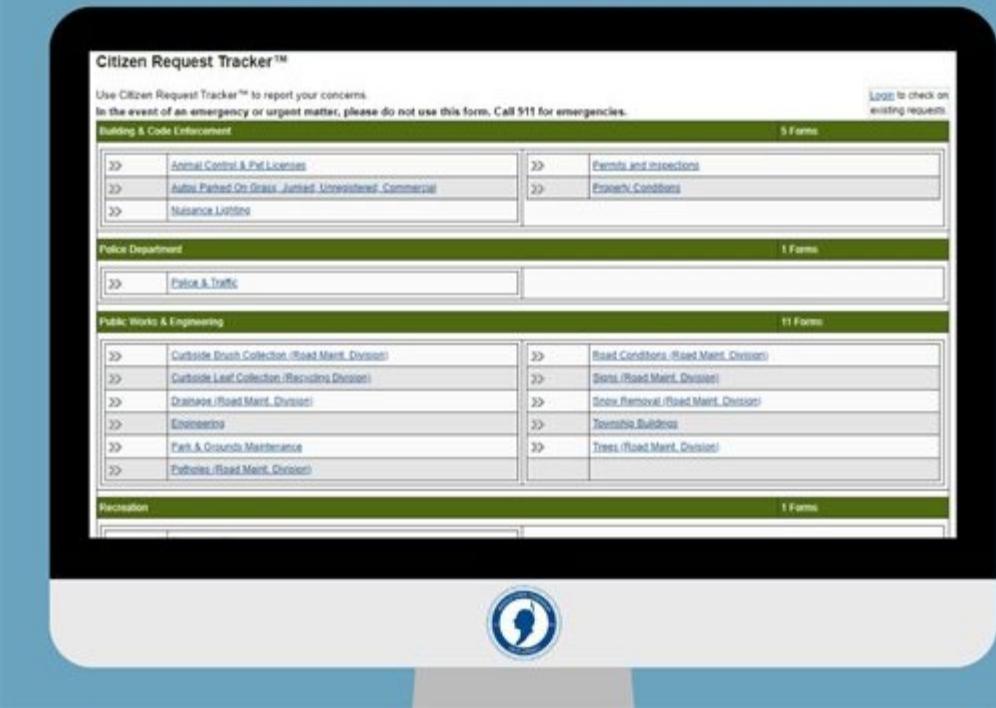
Know Someone with a Disability?
Make Sure They Register with NJ
Register Ready!

Middletown's Office of Emergency Management encourages residents with disabilities to register with NJ Register Ready. This free program is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying community members who may need assistance evacuating in advance of an emergency.

For more information about the program and the three ways you can register, visit middletownnj.org/oem.

REPORT A CONCERN

Visit www.middletownnj.org/reportaconcern to notify the Township about matters such as property and/or road conditions, traffic safety, and others.



The screenshot shows the Citizen Request Tracker interface. At the top, it says "Citizen Request Tracker™" and "Use Citizen Request Tracker™ to report your concerns. In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, please do not use this form. Call 911 for emergencies." Below this is a "Log in" button to check on existing requests. The interface is organized into sections: "Building & Code Enforcement" (3 forms: Animal Control & Pet Licenses, Autos Parked On Grass - Juridic/Unregistered Commercial, Nuisance Lighting), "Police Department" (1 form: Police & Traffic), "Public Works & Engineering" (11 forms: Cutside Brush Collection (Road Maint. Division), Cutside Leaf Collection (Recycling Division), Drains (Road Maint. Division), Erosion, Park & Grounds Maintenance, Potholes (Road Maint. Division), Road Conditions (Road Maint. Division), Signs (Road Maint. Division), Snow Removal (Road Maint. Division), Stormwater/Business, Trees (Road Maint. Division)), and "Recreation" (1 form).

You will need an account to log in. If you don't have an account, it only takes a few minutes to create one.

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